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TO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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DEPT PASS IMMEDIATE HQ US CUSTOMS SERVICE - GENERAL
INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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TAGS: SZ

SUBJ: GOLD SHIPMENT FOUND AT CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA BY U S
CUSTOMS

REF: KEMPE-PURDY TELCON

ON BASIS INFO GIVEN US, THE SWISS WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE
FOLLOWING FROM THEIR RECORDS ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS:

AS FAR AS THE SWISS ARE CONCERNED, TWO LEGAL SHIPMENTS
OF GOLD WERE MADE FROM ZURICH TO A. A. ALMUKAIRIN,
P. O. BOX 705, JIDDA. BOTH LEFT ZURICH AIRPORT DECEMBER 6
ON SAUDI ARABIAN AIRLINES SPECIAL FLIGHT SV 5914. ONE
SHIPMENT FROM THE UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND, CONSISTING
OF THREE BOXES CONTAINING 75 BARS WEIGHING 1 KILO EACH,
VALUED AT SF 890,000 WAS COVERED BY SWISSAIR WEYBILL
NUMBER 08590326574. THE SECOND FROM SWISS BANK CORPORATION,
CONSISTING PF 200 BARS 99.9 FINE WEIGHING 1 KILO
EACH, IN EIGHT BOXES, WAS SENT UNDER WAYBILL NUMBER 085 8820
9133. LOSS OF A PART OF THE LATTER SHIPMENT HAS BEEN REPORTED
FROM JIDDA TO SWISS BANK CORPORATION AND BY THE BANK
TO THE INSURER. IT HAS ALSO BEEN DETERMINED OR CLAIMED
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THAT THE AIRCRAFT LANDED BETWEEN ZURICH AND JIDDA.

EMBASSY HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PURDY TO CONTACT MR.
ANDERMATT, SWISS BANK CORPORATION, WHO NEEDS BAR NUMBERS
AND OTHER INFO TO PURSUE CASE.
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